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■ BYELECTION

Voting day Monday

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Louis Butko, Dave Emmons, Rob Fraser, Jim Lane and Richard Rybiak can see the finish line.

The five candidates in the Ward 1 byelection will know sometime after 8 p.m. Monday which one is the new town councillor.

The polls for about 3,600 voters open at 10 a.m. at the new Fenwick fire station and North Pelham's First Presbyterian Church. An advance poll was held Wednesday, June 15, at the fire station.

Ward 1 is a big area covering eastern and northern Pelham. It stretches from the Welland River in the south to town's northern boundary.

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■ LIBRARY: 19 writers read, sell and sign



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Farzana Doctor, left, author of *Six Metres of Pavement*, and Cathy Marie Buchanan, who wrote *The Day the Falls Stood Still*, are special guests at the Pelham Festival Book Fair Monday. The fair at the Pelham Public Library Monday included 19 writers, many of them from Pelham and the region. It was part of Grey Borders' Literary Arts Festival, taking place across the region through June 30.

Book fair draws best sellers

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Authors Farzana Doctor and Cathy Marie Buchanan starred at Pelham Festival Book Fair Monday.

But they had plenty of company among 19 writers at tables scattered around the reading and Festival rooms at the Fonthill branch of the Pelham Public Library.

It was as chance to read, sign and sell books as well as trade writing tips.

Each author had five minutes to read a selection.

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■ BOOKS

Write, then promote

FROM PAGE 1

At the tables, they chatted with visitors, accepted compliments, sold and signed copies. From fellow writers, they learned a few tricks of the trade.

You're always learning, said Doctor, who wrote the best-selling *Six Metres of Pavement*. It's a love story about a South Asian man and a Portuguese woman who live six metres of pavement apart.

"When you're a writer you learn how to work alone," she said.

From your first book you learn mistakes to avoid in your second book and they make different ones in your third, she chuckled.

But that's the writing process.

Once you have the book written, then you have to promote it, she said.

"That takes a whole different set of skills of talking to people and knowing where to go."

She said she was surprised a story about a South Asian man would catch on.

She thinks the familiar setting of Toronto streets allowed readers to see the universal themes found in different cultures.

"We aren't talking about New Delhi."

The familiar setting of Niagara Falls helped Buchanan borrow her first book into a New York Times best

seller.

The Day the Falls Stood Still is set almost within sight of the Pelham library.

Many people around the world are familiar with the falls as visitors or through the media, she said.

"They've seen the falls and the barge above" the site of a famous rescue.

For local residents, the novel about Niagara riverman Red Hill is packed with local names and places. It covers the growth of hydro power in 1920s. The drilling of a new canal by Big Becky brings back the issue of waterflow over the falls.

Buchanan said in high school she had poor English marks primarily because she was terrible at spelling.

She went on to get a biochemistry degree and a masters of business administration.

Buchanan said she got hooked on writing when she rather casually signed up for a creative writing course.

Her scientific and business training provided the discipline to spend a year writing and two years re-writing.

Events such as the book fair give an author a chance to meet their readers and make interesting contacts, she said.

It's how she met Edith Hill, the daughter of Red Hill.

The fair is part of the month-long Grey Borders' Niagara Literary Arts Festival and was assisted by Pelham Arts Festival funding.

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — It was 10 years in the making.

As planning director Craig Larmour put it to town council's general committee, the town finally has a draft of an East Fonthill Secondary Plan to present to the public at an open house on June 21.

"It's not 'the final draft' it's that we finally got a draft," he said.

Work on the massive project began a decade ago. Extensive negotiations between the town and a landowners group slowly chugged along.

At one point, creating the secondary plan was turned over to a landowners group. However, that process bogged down and the town took the work back.

A secondary plan is a major zoning document that sets control on the use lands. It's a detailed version of the Official Plan for a specific area of the town.

In this case the draft plan, prepared by the town's consultant Ron Pelmer, outlines six subdivision neighbourhoods on a large piece of property stretching from Regional Rd. 20 along Rice Rd. to the town's boundary south of Merritt Rd. It reaches west from Rice Rd. to Station St. and the Steve Bauer Trail.

The area has the potential of housing 5,000 people and

will have a major impact on the town as it develops.

The town will hold an open house at Pelham Station No. 1 on Tuesday, June 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to present the plan and take comments.

The draft of the secondary plan is already available on the town's website.

It shows the layout of the neighbourhoods, roads, density levels of housing, placement of parks, water areas, sidewalks, trails and other details to move forward the projects by the various developers.

In its written section it outlines the policies, goals, restrictions and visions behind the development of the area. It discusses densities, walkability, road designs, cycling lanes and green strategies.

Larmour in his report said the open house has been advertised, notices have been sent to property owners within the secondary plan area.

The town has supplied the property landowners copies of background reports and met with their representatives to discuss the open house.

From the open house,

e-mails and written submissions he expects to be busy.

"Plannings staff anticipate receiving comments from the public and comment agencies over the summer months. It is staff's intention to review the comments and refine the Secondary Plan in an effort to formulate a final draft," he said.

Mayor Dave Augustyn congratulated planning staff for the effort they have made putting together the secondary plan.

"It will affect the future of our town for a long time," he said.

■ VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS DONATE \$2,500



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley, left, and Mayor Dave Augustyn receive a cheque for \$2,500 from the Fonthill Volunteer Fire Association presented by Les Hildebrand, right, with Pelham Fire Chief Scott McLeod. The donation will help the town cover the cost of a fireworks display on Canada Day.

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■ BYELECTION

Fie candidates vying to fill vacancy

FROM PAGE 1

The hylection will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Debbie Urbanowicz. She won one of two seats in Ward 1 in the October 2010 municipal election. On Feb. 28, she resigned.

Town council, after flirting with an appointment procedure, decided to hold a hylection.

The five candidates are in a campaign twice as long as the five-week federal election.

Butko, 19, is a Niagara College broadcasting student who was prime minister of E.L. Crossley Secondary School's student council.

During his door knocking, the Fonthill resident has found many ready for a change.

"They're tired of their area being pushed aside while the town focuses on issues in other areas," he said. "They want their voices heard, whether it be at council meetings or other committees."

"We are a proud town, united from five municipalities, and we should be just that, united."

Butko is running the anti-flahest campaign with the limited budget that I had, but I've found it to be one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Win or lose, I'm proud of what I've accomplished in this election," he said.

His support has called nothing but positive. "If people want to see an actual change, 'then there's no better change than trans-

sitioning into the next generation of politicians, and the next generation of Pelham."

Emmons, 62, served four years on the 2006-10 town council. He finished third in the two-seat Ward 2 race in the Oct. 25 civic election.

Since then, he's missed serving the people of Pelham.

"At the time you don't always realize it," he said. "But after you know you enjoyed helping people with their problems."

Emmons has tried to reach as many homes in the ward as possible. He was sidetracked by a short illness.

"I would like the residents to know that I do know where they live and have been there," he said.

"Anyone who has received my card can rest assured that it was delivered by me, not a helper or aide, and I have taken the opportunity to speak with as many people as possible."

An issue he came across involved property standards. "In North Pelham it is the berm being built in the Sixteen Rd. Centre St. area," he said.

"In Fenwick, residents are concerned about the size and type of development, townhouses and two story homes in the new subdivisions, where residents thought that it would be single-story bungalow type homes." Town people living near potential tower sites are concerned about towers.

"Recreation facilities are also a concern for most people, with the proposed new facilities being more to most residents wanting to

afford," Emmons said.

They any tax increase on any facility that most of them will never use.

"The location in east Fonthill is just too far away for most Ward 1 residents to feel a connection."

Helected, he "will forward these concerns to the council, and try work to the best advantage of the residents that I represent."

Emmons and his wife Lyn live on what was the her family's farm on Pancake Lane in Ridgewill. They have two grown children.

He is retired, and has time to serve on council.

Fraser, 49, calls himself a behind-the-scenes person. He said that's why he's shied away from interviews since Ward 1 hylection race right up to the deadline for nominations on May 6.

He picks up his mail for a Haist St. address, Fraser, 49, said his actual address is RR5 Fenwick. It's outside of Ward 1 but not really Fonthill, said the father of four.

"I grew up right across the street from the Old Pelham Town Hall," said the son of Frank and Kay Fraser, local teachers who had a fruit and vegetable farm.

The part-time real estate agent who is also an environmental chemist and information technologist

said he would like to see Pelham move away from a Fonthill-Fenwick rivalry.

New developments are on the horizon for the town with major housing projects

slated for east Fenwick and east Fonthill as well as a reconstruction of downtown Fenwick.

He would like to see the town move on with things "in a more timely fashion," such as a site alteration bylaws or street reconstruction that doesn't hamper merchants.

A recreation centre, the town-owned lands, pesticides on golf courses and speeding are some of the issues he's heard on the campaign trail.

"You meet a lot of very nice people," he said about going door to door.

For Fraser, this is his first attempt at political office.

"It is on the list of things I want to try," he said. "I want to offer open and honest representation to the folks in Fenwick and the ward."

Lane, 65, said he heard about frustrations with both town councillors and the mayor as he went door to door.

People are asking him "why are we having this election?" he said.

He need it to be apparent doesn't seem to be apparent since an appointment system was used before, Lane said.

"Some of them are my supporters, but some may not be."

Lane was appointed to the previous town council in 2008 when Malcolm Allen resigned after he became Welland MP. Lane finished third in Ward 1 in the 2006 municipal election.

He again finished third in 2010. If it followed the same procedure, town council

would have appointed him for this vacancy.

Lane said he has heard frustrations about the delay of road construction on Pelham and Haist streets in Fonthill.

"And to some degree with the fire station in Fenwick," he said.

The former two-year councillor still gets calls from people asking for help with town issues "and where to get answers."

The former councillor is retired from a supervisory job in Hamilton.

"I will be glad to get back on council and help people again."

Lane considers himself a fiscal conservative ready to make do with a Chevy rather than buy for a Cadillac when it comes to administering the town's funds.

The town he said must make the best use of its resources. He suggests using the old Fenwick fire station for a youth activity centre until the final use of the site is decided.

Lane, who grew up in Pelham, and his wife Tuala Lane live in Ward 1 on Regional Rd. 20.

Rybiak, 62, is enjoying his first experience as a candidate.

"It is long," he said about the campaign.

"You want to get your name known but you can't campaign all the time."

Rybiak spent his childhood on Foss Rd., where his family made a home in 1956. He returned to it in 2003, purchasing the same family home from his parents when he retired from his career in human resources across Canada and abroad.

He and his wife, Wieske, consider themselves to be "semi-retired." They manage the Fenwick renal development constructed by his

father, Joe Rybiak, in 1989.

He said it was nice to meet old friends as he canvassed the riding. But he met many people who have recently moved into the large ward.

Those in the north-east corner, for example, are orientated toward St. Catharines.

People throughout the ward are concerned about speeding.

"We're on rural roads and people think they can speed along then to link to the main thoroughfares in the region," he said.

Residents are concerned about a lack of enforcement.

Rybiak said residents worry about local facilities in the ward.

They wonder about the future of Fire Station No. 3 in North Pelham, which just had a one-year lease renewal, he said.

The future of Maple Acres Library is unclear.

"They don't want centralization to take library services away from Ward 1."

A need for a site alteration bylaw has come up and protection of watercourses are concerns in the ward, he said. A recreation centre is down the list of issues for people in Ward 1, he said. They don't like the idea of putting it at the far eastern end of the town.

Rybiak hopes to see a good turnout for the hylection because of the interest it has generated.

"Democracy is inconvenient, but it is less inconvenient than not having it," he said.

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Historic byelection

If you're in Ward 1, Monday is your day. For the first time in the history of the town, in a byelection you will select a member of town council who will look out for your concerns for the next four years. It's a big ward.

It covers almost the whole western half of the town from the Welland River in the south to Spring Creek Rd. and Louth Townline Rd. in the north.

It's eastern boundary with Ward 3 is Cream St. and with Ward 2, Centre St. Then Ward 1 wraps around the northern boundary of Ward 2 along Sixteen Rd. to Pelham's eastern boundary with Thorold.

Ward 1 contains the village of Fenwick and the community of North Pelham.

As you will see in a story in today's edition, the five candidates in the byelection delved into the issues facing the ward. They include rural concerns for drainage, site controls and urban encroachment. An eastern Fenwick subdivision is on the planning boards.

Residents are annoyed by speeding as commuters shortcut down rural roads to Welland, St. Catharines and Regional Rd. 24. Similarly, they worry about losing facilities in Fenwick such as library services and the Pelham Fire Station No. 3.

On Monday, Ward 1 residents have their chance to choose their second voice on the seven member town council.

Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at new Pelham Fire Station No. 2 or First Presbyterian Church in North Pelham. Check your voting notice card.

On Monday night, the votes will be counted and posted at Pelham Town Hall in Fenwick.

If you live in the ward, don't miss your chance to vote.



Dave Augustyn
MAYORAL VIEW

If you live in Ward 1, you will have likely seen some by-election signs displayed on a few people's lawns. Well, they won't be there long...the byelection is on Monday!

You will recall that following the resignation of Debbie Urbanowicz from Pelham Town Council,

Councillors debated our options to replace her.

Essentially, the Municipal Act provides two possibilities: Council may appoint an "eligible" person - a Canadian citizen over 18 years old and who resides in the town; or council may hold a byelection for that specific, ward seat.

Initially, the majority of councillors opted to appoint someone. They wanted to advertise in the paper, interview applicants, and pick the new councillor during a special closed-door session. (I disagreed with the idea and voted against the plan.)

Well, councillors and I were

overwhelmed by the feedback from the community. I had so many people contact me that I had to keep track of the phone calls, e-mails, and conversations in a spreadsheet. When I analyzed the results, I found that more than two-thirds of the households that contacted me suggested we hold a byelection. Interesting, if you broke that down by wards, more than 84% of Ward 1 households called for a byelection.

The majority feel that it is far better that hundreds and hundreds of people choose their new councillor instead of a few people around a council table.

Council listened to the feedback, and, on March 21, voted to hold a byelection. The town's clerk called for nominations from the community from April 5 until May 6.

Following that nomination period, a total of five people put their names forward for the election. They include: Louis Butko, David Emmons, Rob Fraser, Jim Lane, and Richard Rybiak.

Interestingly, only two candidates - Richard Rybiak and Jim Lane - actually live in Ward 1. (Each of the other candidates lives in Ward 2 and can't even vote in the byelection.)

So, Wednesday was the Advance Poll day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the new Pelham Fire Station No. 2 at 766 Welland Road, Fenwick.

Voting Day will be Monday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at either the new Pelham Fire Station No. 2 or at the First Presbyterian Church, 602 Metter Road, North Pelham. (For more information about voting, please visit the Town's website at www.pelham.ca.)

This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. If you are an eligible voter in Ward 1, please vote.

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Federal budget 2011: Take Two



Dean Allison
FROM THE HILL

One could be excused for getting a feeling of déjà vu when reading over our government's newly tabled budget. As promised during the election campaign which saw our government returned to Ottawa with a majority of seats in Parliament, we have more or less re-tabled the budget that had been rejected by the Opposition parties, sending Canadians to the polls.

The good news is that the positive steps that this budget had contained for keeping Canada's recovery on track as part of our Economic Action Plan remain

unchanged. The sound fiscal management that has seen nearly 540,000 new jobs created since July 2009 remains in this new draft, and a popular initiative seen previously in our ecoENERGY Retrofit Homes Program, is also included.

Our government has seen no reason to change gears now. Canada's Economic Action Plan has guided Canada through the recession to seven straight quarters of economic growth, and our unemployment rate remains well below that of the United States for the first time in more than three decades. Indeed, the World Economic Forum has consistently ranked Canada's banking system as the soundest in the world for three straight years.

That is why Budget 2011, as the next phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan, continues to build on the momentum that the first years of the program accomplished. The

plan includes a new hiring credit for small business, which provides a one-time credit of up to \$1,000 to encourage additional job creation.

It supports young entrepreneurs by investing \$200 million to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. And we are continuing to reduce barriers to economic growth through the hard work that my colleagues and I are doing on the Red Tape Reduction Commission.

Our support for families and communities remains as strong as ever in our reintroduced budget with new tax credits for family caregivers (up to \$2,000 for caregivers of loved ones), children's arts (up to \$500 for programs associated with arts, cultural, recreation, and development activities), and tax relief for volunteer firefighters.

We have also enhanced the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) for low-income seniors who

will receive additional annual benefits of up to \$600 for singles and \$840 for couples.

Canada has a big role to play in the coming years; we have one of the strongest fiscal positions of the G-7 countries and remain on track to balance the budget by 2015-16. With this budget, we are building on our Economic Action Plan by targeted tax relief and launching government-wide Strategic Operating Reviews to help cut government spending.

Our Government will continue to work to ensure that Canada remains at the forefront of economic leadership on the world stage while ensuring that Canadians receive the services that families and communities depend on.

Dean Allison is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Niagara West-Glanbrook.

REGIONAL VIEW

Niagara prosperity initiatives are at work



Brian Baty
REGIONAL
COUNCIL MEMBER

to requests for proposals to access these funds. The number of requests totaled 71 and the total dollar request was \$4.2 million.

A review committee was created by the Business Education Council which included a total of 11 individuals from across Niagara who have some background and knowledge of our separate communities. I was pleased to be a member of that committee and gained significant insight to the proposed projects as well as the neighbourhoods which they targeted.

In former columns I have

communicated about the neighbourhood mapping project undertaken by Niagara Region to quantitatively analyse neighbourhoods throughout Niagara to identify those in greatest need for prosperity initiatives. These

mapping indicators fall into four categories: health, income, shelter and education. Health is measured by low birth weights and a percentage high risk Parkyn score. Income is assessed by unemployment, child care

subsidy and low income cutoff values. Shelter is measured by determining those who require 30% or more of their total income for housing.

Education is measured by the scores on the EDI (Early

Development Instrument) which measures student abilities before entering JK or Kindergarten as well as the high school graduation percentage of adults.

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Niagara Regional Council began four years ago to apply resources for neighbourhoods in Niagara that were affected by poverty.

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Sweet, sweet Niagara strawberries

PETER DOWNS
QMI Agency

with PelhamNEWS staff

Strawberries are big this weekend in Pelham as a rain-delayed season starts to feed three festivals in Fenwick and North Pelham.

DeVries Fruit Farm will hold its 2nd annual Strawberry Social to kick off the growing season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission to the event at the farm on Canboro Rd. just west of downtown is a non-perishable item or cash donation to Pelham Cares.

Saturday evening the Short Hills Fire and Rescue Association, which serves Pelham Fire Station No. 3, will hold its 96th annual Strawberry Festival, a family event from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at White Meadows Farms at 2529 Effingham Rd. Strawberry shortcake follows

beef on the bun.

On Sunday, St. Ann's Catholic Church at 834 Canboro Rd. in Fenwick holds its 11th annual Strawberry Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It features strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, coffee and soft drinks. Free games and face painting for the children, bake shop, penny sale and raffle.

On Thursday, a fourth is planned by the Fonthill Lioness Club at Pelham Farmers Market on Thursday evening from 4:30 p.m. in Pelham Town Square.

Dan DeVries of DeVries Fruit Farm said the long wet spring had raised concerns. It delayed the crop about two weeks.

However, now they are coming out well and he expects to see an exceptional crop of big strawberries.

Kathryn Ferretti is optimistic good things will come to those waiting and licking their chops at the berry patch.

The cool, wet spring that has set Niagara's growing season a week or so behind schedule looks as if it's delivering a bumper crop of strawberries, said Ferretti, who runs Nokara Farms in Port Dalhousie with husband Joe.

"A slow-growing strawberry is a very sweet strawberry," she said Sunday. "If you get a lot of rain and then a lot of sun, it puff up really fast. But this slow-growing season is just awesome."

Gallagher's Farm Market in Fonthill has already seen a steady flow of customers trying to snap up the first berries of Niagara's growing season.

"We're really very surprised with the weather and the spring so far that there's a product coming out," market owner Terry Gallagher said.

"So far, everything looks great. They're excellent. They're medium to large."

Gallagher's strawberry sup-

plier — Tighechar Farms — was set to welcome berry pickers at its 9th St. farm in west St. Catharines on Monday.

Gallagher said most crops would be set back about a week because spring gave farmers the cold shoulder.

"But if it starts a week late, it usually runs that much longer, too," he said.

Even though temperatures may have been cooler than usual, Ferretti said Niagara avoided a spring freeze, which is helping the strawberry crop.

Typically, the season's first blossoms — for what Ferretti calls "the king berries" — are zapped by frost.

"We didn't lose any king berries this year. Usually that is lost to frost. But this year, no frost."

Fenwick grower Rod Wright said he expects pickers will have to wait about another week to get at his crop.

■ BATY

Check out updated website

FROM PAGE 5

This data is available on a website hosted by the Business Education Council. The site has been updated so that it is interactive and can be sorted on a number of criteria. Also, the site shows graphically where community resources such as employment centres, job training sites or child care resources exist.

It notes where former Prosperity Initiatives were implemented and has the potential to measure the impact of these investments over time.

Should you be involved with a non-profit organization, church group or service club and have an interest in providing programs or services to those in need in our community contact the Business Education Council or Community Services

at Niagara Region to gain access to this neighbourhood mapping database.

This investment in prosperity initiatives has a potential to achieve significant improvements in the quality of life for its residents. The objectives of each initiative is to create strong and prosperous neighbourhoods and to create greater engagement and inclusion of its citizens. Other goals are to improve the social determinants of health and to improve economic prosperity.

Niagara Regional Council is currently preparing its business plan and priorities for the next four years. Based upon the insights gained through this review of proposals, I will strongly recommend that we continue these prosperity investments in our neediest neighbourhoods.

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■ **POLITICS:** Meredith Cross running for Niagara West-Glanbrook

Ontario Green Party leader in riding

For Pelham NEWS

LINCOLN- Ontario Green Party leader Mike Schreiner will join local Green Party candidate Meredith Cross for activities in Niagara West-Glanbrook riding Saturday.

They will be at the Green Party booth at Berries and Bloom at Beamsville Secondary School

from 11 a.m. to noon.

At 1 p.m. Schreiner will join a cycling tour of local artisans along Mud St.

Stops include: Old Mill Artisans, 1:30 p.m., Canada's Farm Toy Museum 2:15 p.m., Ridge Meadow Farm, 3 p.m., Parker Bee Apiaries, 3:50 p.m., and Featherstone Winery at 4:45

p.m. At 6 p.m. they will be at a barbecue at the Konkle Farm in Jordan.

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■ SWIMMING: Brock Niagara Aquatics

Pelham swimmers make a splash in championship

For PelhamNEWS

ST. CATHARINES - A fast team of young competitive swimmers from Brock Niagara Aquatics competed this past weekend at the Western Ontario Regional Championships held at Brock University's pool. The annual competition attracted 600 swimmers from 23 teams across Southwestern Ontario. A small portion of the faster swimmers that attended this meet will go on to race and finish their season at the Ontario Junior Provincial Championships held in Etobicoke in July.

Thirty-two swimmers from the Brock team took part in the three-day meet.

Highlights for the team included: Joshua Allon (Fonthill) swam personal best times and won gold medals in all six of his races. He also achieved the Junior Provincial qualifying standard in five of those races, which brings his total number of provincial

qualifying times to ten events.

Diego Ruiz Rivas (St. Catharines) won one gold and two silver medals and helped his medley relay team to win bronze.

Alyssa Staples (Welland) won a silver and two bronze medals in the long-distance freestyle events and narrowly missed reaching the Junior Provincial time standard in the 1500 metre Freestyle by less than four seconds.

Andrew Hrycusko (Fonthill) captured gold and silver in the 100 and 200 metre breaststroke events and added a bronze as a member of the boys 15 & over medley relay team.

Also reaching the medal podium for the Brock team were Andrew Wiley (Niagara-on-the-Lake), Travis Longland (Dunnville), Jimmy Thoms (St. Catharines), and David Frechette (Niagara Falls). Altogether, Brock swimmers captured 20 medals at this championship meet.

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Boys 10 & Under

Mathew Taylor (St. Catharines) 8th 100 Fly

Girls 10 years

Green Brown (St. Catharines) 7th 100 Fly

Mara Di Persio (Pelham) 5th 100 Back

Boys 11 years

Diego Ruiz Rivas (St. Catharines) Gold 100 Free; Silver 50 Free, 100 Breast; 6th 100 Back

■ ROAD RALLY



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The first Pelham's Amazing Road Rally put 10 teams on roads all over the municipality earlier this month. The Rotary Club of Fonthill sponsored the event to raise money for community projects. Congratulations to first-place team, the Hydes, second-place team, the Summer Girls (pictured), and the third-place team, the Twisted Sisters.

Girls 11 years

Calissa Weir (Thorold) 6th 100 Free

Boys 12 years

Joshua Allon (Fonthill) Gold 400 IM, 100 Breast, 200 Back, 200 IM, 200 Breast, 100 Back

Andrew Wiley (Niagara-on-the-Lake) Bronze 400 Free; 8th 50 Free

Boys 13 years

Boaz Allon (Fonthill) 6th 400 IM; 7th 100 Back

Kai Belogh (Niagara Falls) 6th 800 Free

Ming Scott (Beamsville) 5th 100 Fly; 8th 400 Free, 800 Free, 400 IM

Mony Tchervenelevok (Niagara Falls) 4th 200 Breast; 6th 100 Breast; 7th 400 IM; 8th 200 Back

Boys 14 years

Nathan Ciccarelli (Fonthill) 5th 100 Back

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For PelhamNEWS Staff

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The British Invasion Band is not a look-alike band, but a group of seasoned musicians who entertain by performing the Beatles, Rolling Stones and many other British Invasion bands of the 1960s.

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The British Invasion Band is Merv Petrachenko on guitar and vocals, Wayne Meehan drums and vocals, Dave Romano with guitar and vocals, and Ken Elder on bass guitar and vocals.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Fashion need not conform

Crossley students walk the Catwalk 2011

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS

Fashion students strutted

their stuff on the Crossley Catwalk 2011.

The showcase by Grade 11 and 12 students topped off a

four-month course.

During the evening they modeled pajamas, dresses and unique creations they

put together as they learned the skills of sewing and the thinking behind designing. "Most of these students had

little experience at using as sewing machine," said fashion teacher Sherry Wilkinson.

"For many teenagers, fashion is about brand names," she said.

"I wanted to show them they could make their own clothes. They can challenge the conformity that goes with wearing brand names. Fashion is what you want it to be."

The students learned how to make clothes that are practical and comfortable. They were encouraged to recycle by turning T-shirts into pants and dresses.

To add flair to the Crossley Catwalk, the students made "wearable art" dresses from what ever their imagination could come up with.

What came up were dresses from hula hoops, sponges and other odd materials.

Holly Petrie, for example, used two packs of playing cards and film from two video tapes for her Las Vegas dress.

It was sewn together and reinforced by staples and Velcro.

The fashion show also served as a fundraiser for the course, which could use more sewing machines.

The Catwalk involved the 28 fashion students and about a dozen volunteers backing them up with help from Giant Tiger Fonthill, Electech for Lighting and Niagara Arts Centre.

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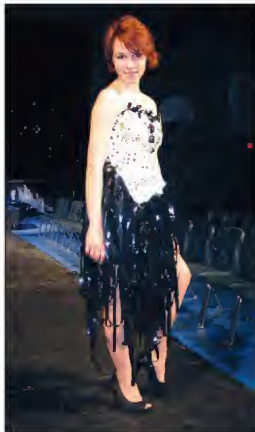
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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Holly Petrie wears her Las Vegas dress made of two decks of playing cards and two movie film tapes during a rehearsal for Crossley Catwalk 2011. The fashion show was presented last week by the students of Crossley's Fashion Design course and their volunteer helpers.



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